Twightwee Treaty of Lancaster L615

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Summary Information

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Date 1748

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Historical Note

In the summer of 1748, the Twightwees (more commonly known as the Miami people) requested an alliance with the Iroquois and with Pennsylvania. As a result, a conference was called in July of 1748 in Lancaster with the Twightwees. Conrad Weiser, George Croghan, Richard Peters, Andrew Montour, four members of the Council, and magristrates of Lancaster county met with fifty-five Shawnee and Twightwee Indians in Lancaster from July 19 to July 23, 1748. The treaty of Lancaster in 1748 marks a projection of Pennsylvania into Ohio lands. The Twightwees were to serve as a buffer between the colony and the French in Ohio. This was an instrument of power, as the Twightwees were inducted into an alliance with the Iroquois and under Pennsylvania influence.

Sources:

Everett, Edward G. "Pennsylvania's Indian Diplomacy 1747-1753." *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine* 44, no. 3 (Sept. 1961): 245-246.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes one treaty between the colony of Pennsylvania and Twightwee (Miami) people in town of Lancaster in 1748 regarding an alliance, as well as a photostatic copy of said treaty.

Arrangement

This collection consists of one original item and a copy.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Lancaster (Pa.)
- Ohio River Valley--History.

Subject(s)

- Colonists--United States--18th century
- Indians of North America--Treaties
- Miami Indians